

B. L'infinitif passé

The verbs in heavy print are in the PAST INFINITIVE. Note the forms of the past infinitive in the following sentences.

Je suis content d'**avoir trouvé** un emploi.

Nous ne regrettons pas d'**être allés** à l'université.

Alice a étudié après s'**être reposée**.

*I am happy to **have found** a job.*

*We do not regret to **have gone** (having gone) to college.*

*Alice studied after **having rested**.*

FORMS

The PAST INFINITIVE is formed as follows:

avoir or être + PAST PARTICIPLE

- When the past infinitive is a reflexive verb, the reflexive pronoun represents the same person as the subject of the sentence.

Je ne me souviens pas de **m'être promené** dans ce parc.

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The PAST INFINITIVE is used instead of the present infinitive to describe an action that takes place before the action of the main verb. It is always used after *après*.

Qu'est-ce que tu vas faire
après **avoir fini** tes études?

*What are you going to do
after having finished (after finishing) your studies?*